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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Bishop
4 Val Johnson of Peoria, who passed away on September 7, 2014;
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6 WHEREAS, Bishop Val Johnson was born on January 6, 1917 in
7 Chicago; his parents were James Garfield and Nellie (nee
8 Currie) Johnson; he married Leah G. Thomas, who preceded him in
9 death in 2001; he later married Sarah B. (nee Davis) McNeil on
10 November 30, 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, Bishop Val Johnson served as Pastor of the
12 Pentecostal Church of Jesus from 1962 until his retirement in
13 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, Bishop Val Johnson was preceded in death by his
15 parents; 2 brothers, Raymond and Emanuel Johnson; and a sister,
16 Rochella Manuel; and

17 WHEREAS, Bishop Val Johnson is survived by his loving wife,
18 Sarah Johnson; 14 children, Byron Val (Anita) Johnson, Valerie
19 Leah Harrell, Yvonne Alice Jordan, Yvette Alice Cummings,
20 Felicia Helen Carreker, Earl "Baker" McNeil, Sidney McNeil,
21 Wendell McNeil, Glenna Lee Branscumb, Joann (Michael) Kirksey,

1 Clora Lee Johnson, Donna Bess McNeil, Sandra (De Wayne) Harris,
2 and Janice McNeil; 34 grandchildren; and many
3 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
7 Bishop Val Johnson; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Bishop Val Johnson as an expression
10 of our sympathy.